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C O N F I D E N T I A L GABORONE 0545

E.9. 11652: GDS

TAGS: BX, KS, KN, BC

SUBJECT: KOREAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON BOTSWANA

REF: SEOUL 1754

1. NO NORTH KOREAN ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN BOTSWANA SINCE DEPARTURE OF TAEKWANDO INSTRUCTORS LAST YEAR. NOR HAS WE ANY INFOMRATION INDICATING NORTH KOREAN PLANS FOR DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THERE WAS A RUMOR CURRENT FOUR OR FIVE MONTHS AGO THE NORTH KOREA WAS LOOKING FOR OUSING TO ESTABLISH A MISSION HER, BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIATED BY SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.

2. GIVEN LOW ESTEEM IN WHICH NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT HELBY BY MANY HIGH GOB OFFICIALS, WE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF ITS SCORES A NOTABLE DIPLOMATIC BREAKTHROUGH IN THE FORESEEABLE FTURE.

3. NOR ARE WE TERRIBLY SANGIUNE ABOUT ACCEPTANCE OF POSSIBLE ROK ASSISTANCE HERE. GOB APT TO VIEW SUCH AN OFFER AS ATTEMPT TO BUY GOB'S VOTE IN THE UN. NONETHELESS WE DO NOT BELIEVE ROK SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED FROM MAKING THE ATTEMPT. IT JUST MIGHT PROVE SUCCESSFUL IF IT IS NOT TOO OBVIOUSLY TRIED TO UN KOREAN SITUATION. IN LAUNCHING ANY NEW INITIATIVE, WE WOULD HOPE ROK IS GEARED UP TO MAKE STRONGER AND MORE  
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CONVINCING DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UPS) THAN THEY HAVE IN THE PAST.

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